

Deviations From The Original Truths

Feeling a need to defend the original truth of September 22, 1827 – April 5, 1829, I will be stating herein some discussion points in piecemeal fashion. Rather than present all 30 plus at once, this will give anyone interested opportunity to absorb and research the ideas and comments if interested. These points are mainly from a gentleman named Richard Bauman taken from his series entitled "What Happened To The Church".

Like most documentaries I add that the views of the author do not necessarily represent my views. However, I believe he demonstrates great scholarship.

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1. *"..the legend (of Enoch) was in American Masonic print by 1802.. (A quote by the President of the Mormon History Association, April 20, 1974 found in the book The God Makers*

2. *"To begin with, Masonry in the Church had its origin prior to the time Joseph Smith became a Mason. Nauvoo was not its genesis. It commenced in Joseph's home when his older brother... Hyrum received the first three degrees of Masonry in Mount Moriah Lodge No. 112 of Palmyra, New York, at about the same time that Joseph was being initiated into the presence of God and angels and was being entrusted with the sacred gold plates." (a quote from the same source as # 1)*

3. *Early spring 1830. Hyrum persuaded Joseph to ask the Lord if it would be alright to sell the copyright to the Book of Mormon in Canada for a considerable amount of money, and Joseph "...received a revelation that some of the brethren should go to Toronto, Canada, and that they would sell the copyright of the Book of Mormon. "But the venture failed entirely." (Whitmer's, Address to All Believers In Christ, p. 30-51.)*

4. *April 6, 1830 Joseph yielded to the persuasion of the world, and organized the church according to the laws of the land. (Whitmer, P. 33. Note: 3 Nephi 21:4 says his people should be set up "by the power of the Father." And even the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution recognized that religion is completely free from civil law!*

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5. April 6, 1830 Joseph receives a "revelation" that he is the "seer, a translator, a prophet, an apostle.." and the mouthpiece of God for the church that was organized and established April 6, 1830. (Note: Joseph no longer had the interpreters or the "stone", therefore could no longer claim the title "seer" - See Mosiah 8:13). As far as being the sole mouthpiece, this is contrary to Helaman 11:23, and Numbers 11:27-29 KJV. And as far as being organized and established" April 6, 1830, there were already 70 baptized members, 6 priesthood members, and 3 congregations previous to that date! And Whitmer continues by saying, "The Holy Ghost was with us in more power during the eight months previous to April 6, 1830, than ever at any time thereafter." (Whitmer, An address..... P.33)

6. On the first mission to the Indians, October/November 1830, the men went on a detour to convert Sidney Rigdon. Sidney Rigdon was a powerful protestant minister with great persuasive power, a professor of protestant theology two and one-half years before his "conversion" (See RLDS C. Hist. Vol1, p. 150. He was baptized Nov. 14, 1830 (see p.154) He was previously a co-worker with a person (Alexander Campbell) who already revised (translated) the Bible! (See Joseph Smith's "NewTranslation" of The Bible, Herald House, 1970, P. 8)

7. Dec. 1830 Sidney went to visit Joseph, and Joseph immediately receives a "revelation" that Sidney is to be his close associate, and to be his "scribe" (see p. 8, Joseph Smith's "New Translation"..., and also note on that same page the admission that "...Joseph began to revise or "Translate the Bible not later than December 1830.) Sidney Rigdon wrote about 80% of the "New Translation" himself, much of it revisions of revisions, and further revisions and extensive "interpolations"! (See P. 15 of Joseph Smith's "NewTranslation"of the Bible. published by Herald House, to read about this obvious farce.)

There was no "translation", there was no "Urim & Thummim" or any other divine instrument used. It has been stated that the translation really began with the words of Moses, known as Section 22 (RLDS D&C), see verse 24b, but the Book of Mormon clearly states that the words of Moses are to be found on the plates of brass that Nephi took from Laban and brought over to this land (see 1 Nephi 3:3).

You will see Brothers and Sisters that the "Inspired Version" is contradictory to the Book of Mormon as you continue to read these following statements. Indeed, the Book of Mormon says it is to work with the King James Version (See 1 Nephi 13: 20), and of course we are all aware that the "Inspired Version" wasn't even published until 1867 : 37 years after the Book of Mormon! If the "Inspired Version" was important to the Lord, then He would have had it corrected before the Book of Mormon came forth, and it would have been done with a divine instrument, and it would have been consistent for the Lord to use an unlearned person, not a professor of protestant theology who had already been involved with a previously revised Bible!

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8. Dec. 1830 Joseph receives a "revelation" on the prophecy of Enoch. This is RLDS sec. 36 and also "Inspired Version" Genesis 7:1-78. Note: in this experience the Lord stood before Enoch face to face and showed him the world for many generations, even all the inhabitants, even all the nations of the earth, even all things to the end of the world. However, we read in the book of Ether of a similar experience (see ether1:69-92), and verse 79 says "and never have I shewed myself unto man whom I have created, for never has man believed in me as thou hast". and the brother of Jared's experience described in Ether took place about one thousand five hundred years after the supposed experience of Enoch! If the Lord had "never" done this before, how could Enoch have had this experience 1500 years earlier! Take your choice: Which one do you believe?

How is it possible that Joseph could receive this "revelation" on Enoch, and it could be so contradictory to the Book of Mormon? Remember, the legend of Enoch was written and circulated amongst the Masons since 1802!

9. Parley Pratt and others stayed in Independence, Missouri over the winter of 1830-1831, and set up businesses. Note how this relates to item # 13.

10. Feb. 4, 1831 The first "Bishop" is called. "Bishop" does not exist as a word, much less a priesthood office, in the Book of Mormon. This "Bishop" was an elder, and remained so until there was a mass ordination service June 3, 1831 "for high priests." (See RLDS D&C 41:3c)

Was Joseph being "persuaded" by Sidney Rigdon? David Whitmer, in An Address p. 35 says: "Rigdon was a thorough Bible scholar, a man of fine education, and a powerful orator. He soon worked him self deep into Brother Josephs affections, and had more influence over him than any other man living. He was Brother Joseph's private counsellor, and his most intimate friend and brother for some time after they met. Brother Joseph rejoiced, believing that the Lord had sent to him this great and mighty man Sydney Rigdon, to help him in the work. Poor Brother Joseph! He was mistaken about this, and likewise all of the brethren were mistaken; for we thought at that time just as Brother Joseph did about it. But alas! In a few years we found out different. Sydney Rigdon was the cause of almost all the errors which were introduced while he was in the church.

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11. Jan. 1831 Sidney Rigdon, who only lived 2 miles from Kirtland, had many followers at Kirtland. Guess what?! Joseph then receives a "revelation" that the church should gather to Kirtland, and there "you shall be endowed with power from on high, and from thence whosoever will, shall go forth among all nations..." (LDS D&C 38:32). The little church that numbered in the dozens was soon joined with about 1,000 new members from the Kirtland area.

12. June 3 ,1851 Mass ordination of High priests, the first time High priests appear in the church. (see item # 10) (see also Far West Record, P.7)

13. June, 1831 Joseph receives a "revelation" that Missouri is now the gathering place!! (D&C 52:2) Note that the preface of that "revelation" says Missouri is designated as the land of the inheritance of the saints. The specific location of the point of gathering is not tated, but it must have been sufficiently understood for the elders to meet there after traveling and preaching along many different routes." THIS IS AN ABSURD STATEMENT!!! Parley Pratt, Cowdery and others, had lived in Independence the previous winter and helped set up businesses, otherwise it indeed would have been strange for all these men to appear at the same time at the same place. Isn't it obvious (again) that Joseph was persuaded?! Parley Pratt had come to Kirtland and gave Joseph a personal account of Independence, and Joseph had also received letters from the others who were living in Independence. (See the

Autobiography of Parley Parker Pratt),

14. Summer 1831 "coincidentally" many of the traveling priesthood, including Joseph and Sidney, arrive at Independence at the same time. Joseph then receives a "revelation" that Independence is the gathering place (Section 57) and that the "sound must go forth from this place into all the world..." (Sec.58) which carries a familiar ring to item #11 above.

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15. It's interesting to note that this is the first time, Summer 1831, that the concept of a physical temple becomes part of the "Restoration Philosophy"! Expecting God to come to a physical temple IS AN ABOMINATION!!! God wants us to be His physical temple. This is absolutely clear in both the Book of Mormon and the Bible. See Alma, Helaman, Mosiah, 3 Nephi, Acts 17:24, 1 Peter 2:5, Ephesians 2:20-22, 1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6: 19, and 2 Corinthians 6:16.

Where would this concept of physical temples come from then, seeing that neither the book of Mormon nor the Bible support that concept for the latter day church? Once again, the Masons are the great promoters of physical temples.

16. Oct. 25, 1831 The word "deacon" appears for the first time in official church records. See Ear West Record. (Note: "Apostle", "Deacon", and "Confirm" was first printed in the Evening and Morning Star in June, 1832. While the Far West Record refers to the reading of the articles and covenants in the first conference June 9, 1830, a footnote says these conference minutes were put into the Far West Record in 1838! It is very doubtful, then, that the Articles and Covenants, even before they were changed in 1835 were actually available, much less in force, when the church was organized spiritually before April 6, 1830, or at the time it was organized according to the laws of man. We do know this: The word "Deacon" does not exist in the Book of Mormon. "Apostle" is only used in the Book of Mormon when referring to the 12 special eyewitnesses of Christ, those who were with him in the land of Jerusalem, they are the ones who will judge the 12 tribes.

"Confirmation" by the laying on of hands does not exist in the Book of Mormon. In case after case after case in the Book of Mormon God says He will give the Holy Ghost after man performs the physical baptism in water. The only, out of a great many references to the giving of the Holy Ghost, reference that can be construed to mean giving the Holy Ghost by the laying of hands after baptism is found in Moroni 2nd chapter. A close examination, however, shows that there is no reference to baptism! And when taken in context with chapter three we realize that it is referring to ordination. Baptism is not discussed until chapter six. Note that in Moroni 2:1 Christ is ordaining the twelve; they were not being "confirmed", as they themselves received the Holy Ghost directly from heaven after their baptism. As to the event where the people received the Holy Ghost (see 3 Nephi 12:10) it merely says "and as many as were baptized in the name of Jesus were filled with the Holy Ghost". (Note there was no mention of confirmation.)

Man baptizes in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost". What say ye, Melchizedek & Aaronic priesthoods: Do ye divide God? Is not the Holy Ghost included in this baptism, or do ye say. " baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son" and Later I will baptize you in the name of the Holy Ghost"???

Does not the Lord Himself, in his own words in 3 Nephi, explicitly limit man's power of baptize with water, and he will give the Holy Ghost?

Does not Mormon 3:83 specifically state And If it so be that ye believe in Christ, and are baptized, first with water, then with fire and with the Holy Ghost, following the example of our Savior according to that which he hath commanded us, it shall be well with you in the day of judgment."?

Is not that example specifically given in 2 Nephi? Does it not say clearly that we "fulfill all righteousness in being baptized by water"? Does it not say that the Holy Ghost descended on him in the form of a dove? Does it not say that ...him will the Father give the Holy Ghost, like unto me; wherefore, follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do"?

Does it not say "...It sheweth unto the children of men the straightness of the path, and the narrowness of the gate, by which they should enter, he having set the example before them"?

And thus we see that "confirmation" is not a Book of Mormon doctrine.

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17. Oct. 25, 1831 Joseph & Sidney told all elders present at the conference that they had the "privilege" of being ordained to high priest ! (See Far West Record, p. 19-21. "Deacons" is found on p. 19!)

18. Nov. 12-13, 1831 Joseph & Sidney and the other leaders SET ASIDE THE BOOK OF MORMON AS THE STANDARD OF DOCTRINE FOR THE CHURCH! Even though the Lord had given them "a commandment" in the original revelation (RLDS D&C 16:1 in June, 1829) through "the stone", telling them to "rely" on the Book of Mormon which was to be used for "all things"..concerning my church, my gospel, and my Rock", they took it upon themselves to go by their own inspiration. (you've already read 17 items they came up with before this time) Read and weep, Brothers and Sisters, with me. The following is a direct quote from the Far West Record, the official record of the conference minutes of the early church, p. 32, of Nov. 12-13, 1831:

After deliberate consideration in consequence of the book of Revelation (speaking of the Book of Commandments) now to be printed being the foundation of the Church and the salvation of the world and the keys of the mysteries of the kingdom and the riches of Eternity to the Church."

This is where they officially turned away from the Book of Mormon as being the standard for the church! And, as for the keys of the mysteries, the Book of Mormon says we need to have the brass plates (see Mosiah 1: 4-7, Alma 17: 32-35) and other records plus the interpreters.

Read the following quote from Mosiah 5:83:

Doubtless, a great mystery is contained within these plates; and these interpreters were doubtless prepared for the purpose of unfolding all such mysteries to the children of men."

So now we have 18 items of deviation from the original truth; the last one being to officially state that Joseph's book of revelations is now the standard, which means that the Book of Mormon now is of minor importance in doctrine, organization, and purpose can things get any worse? Read on!

19. March, 1832 Joseph Smith assumed the name "Enoch" in that "Revelation", and established the Order of Enoch, also.

20. Sept. 1832 Joseph & Sidney work on the "New Translation", which is now called the Inspired Version, which you will see should be called the "Conspired Version". Joseph receives a "revelation" about TWO priesthoods – one higher than the other! The Book of Mormon only has one: The Holy Order of the Son of God or sometimes called the Holy Order of God, which is the same being in the Book of Mormon. Christ says, that like the name of His church, "...ye shall call whatsoever things ye do call in my name." (Read 3 Nephi 12: 16-21)

Masonry also had/has TWO priesthoods, one higher than the other, and they are named MELCHISEDEC AND AARONIC, AND THE REASON THAT THEY ARE NAMED AFTER

MEN IS THAT MASONS ARE COMMITTED TO AVOID USING THE NAME OF GOD. It is apparent that God doesn't mind being mentioned in the Book of Mormon, and he wants us to think on his name, pray in his name, heal in his name, praise his name, "and...ye shall call whatsoever things ye do call in my name."

And why doesn't Masonry want to use the name of God, which is Jesus Christ? (see Ether 1:77, 2 Nephi 11:78, 2 Nephi 8:14 There are TOO MANY OTHER REFERENCES TO LIST HERE!!) And why doesn't the leadership of Masonry want to admit that Jesus Christ is God? Because their God is Lucifer! You will see this before this paper is over. Interestingly, you will find great hypocrisy in this "revelation" (RLDS D&C 83). In verse two Joseph prophesied that the "temple shall be reared in this generation". But instead they were kicked out for that generation! How many generations of Joseph's own family have passed. In verse 8 we are told that the whole church is under condemnation, and yet in the same "revelation" great insight is given on two priesthoods! In most cases when God is displeased He is silent. Is it possible for Joseph to receive both spiritual insight and unspiritual insight? Micah says so in his chapter 2:11. (More on that later!)

Something else of interest: no revelation since that time says the church is no longer under condemnation!

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21. Feb. 1832 Joseph & Sidney work on the "New Translation" (Inspired Version of the Holy Scriptures). Joseph receives a "revelation" on the Order of Enoch and the church of Enoch and the glories. It is important to note that the word "Enoch does not exist in the Book of Mormon. Neither do the words "glories", "celestial", nor "terrestrial", but THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE VOCABULARY AND RELIGION OF THE MASONS!!! What I'm about to tell you is so important that I must take the space to expand on it.

First of all you need to understand that masonry has two aspects: Operative, which is how the mason is to act in this life and, secondly, Speculative, which is the philosophy or the next life. Before me is a copy of the COMPREHENSIVE MASONIC CONCORDANCE, which is found in the back of the MASONIC EDITION OF THE HOLY BIBLE, and was compiled by C.C. Hunt, P.G.H.P. 33rd degree, the 33rd degree representing the thinking at the top of the society. This "Concordance" differs from regular concordances, which give the locations where particular words are found, in that it gives the definitions of words and the meanings to the phrases in the religions!

Masonry believes in two Enochs, (1) the son of Cain, that Cain built a city for, and called it the City of Enoch, and Cain is distinguished as the First Operative Mason, and (2) the descendent of Seth, who prophesies of the flood. He is the father of Speculative Masonry.

On p.156 of their concordance, we read: "Legend of Enoch... Masonic Legend. The Masonic legend of Enoch is thus told by Anderson in his Constitutions of 1723: By some vestiges of antiquity we find Enoch prophesying of the final conflagration at the Day of Judgement as St. Jude tells, and likewise of the general deluge for the punishment of the world". (Read the Account of the prophecy of Enoch in either the Doctrine & Covenants or the Inspired Version), Brothers and sisters remember also, that the President of the Mormon Historical Society said the "Legend of Enoch" was in American Masonic print in 1802..." From p. 199 of their concordance, we read: "A later legend ascribes the erection of the pillars to Enoch, who inscribed on them the liberal arts and sciences, including the principles of Freemasonry."

From p.160 I quote: "Cain's Enoch". Cain built a city and named it Enoch after the name of his son Enoch, and thus became the first. Operative Mason.

p. 3, The compiler of the Masonic Concordance himself says in the Introduction: "Freemasonry is an organized society of men symbolically applying the principles of operative masonry..."

Obviously, then Masons are to apply the principles of Cain.

Over and over the Lord tells us in the Book of Mormon that there has been, is, and will be a secret society that looks to Cain as the author!

Wake Up! Wake Up! Wake Up! Brothers and Sisters that have the Holy Book of Mormon! Read Ether 8. In those scriptures Moroni tells us that it was this same secret society that caused the destruction of the Jaredites. It was this same secret society that caused the destruction of the Nephites. And it will be this same secret society that will cause the destruction of the Gentiles. THAT'S US! From that scripture you will notice the following excerpts:

"... The oaths...which had been handed down even from Cain...Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you... for it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up, seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations and countries; And it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents;..." (see Ether 8)

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22. Feb. 27, 1833 Joseph received the "revelation" known as the Word of Wisdom. It has brought a lot of strife. True scripture often mentions "wine", and that's exactly what it means. The Lord knows how to spell "juice". Many people are allergic to wheat. Fish, a favorite food

of the Lord twice they were used to demonstrate miracles is not mentioned. We're told what to feed pigs, but not how to use them (forget the handbags and footballs concept, folks, because we're not to waste flesh!). Not all fruit of the vine is safe to eat. We've also been led to believe that following the Word of Wisdom carried certain promises, but this is in conflict with Alma, Proverbs 3:5-8, and Isaiah 40:51, that tell us that health, strength, treasures, and knowing the mysteries depends on repentance, looking to God, and doing good!

Now if you sometimes feel that the Word of Wisdom doesn't make sense (and you should), then you will have great appreciation for this scripture found in Micah 2:11:

"If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people."

To my knowledge, there is no other prophet in the last days who has had a prophecy pertaining to wine and strong drink. Look at what the "Word of Wisdom" says: ...that inasmuch as any man drinketh wine or strong drink among you, behold, it is not good, neither meet in the sight of your Father... so, brothers and sisters, What do you suppose was the first miracle that Christ performed in the New Testament? He made the best wine out of water! (see John 2: 3-11) The "Word of Wisdom" is in conflict with Christ!

23. July 2, 1833 Joseph & Sidney finished "translating" the Inspired Version. No interpreters were used, and no translating from any language - ancient or modern - was involved. Remember that the Lord made available the Fullness of the Gospel in 1829 (The Manuscript), but Joseph didn't finish the "Inspired Translation" until 4 years later, and it wasn't available until 1867 (See the preface to the Inspired Version). The Book of Mormon specifically indicates it was to work with the King James version, and besides, the "Inspired Version" was 40 years too late to assist in establishing a church with the fullness!

24. This "Inspired" Version of the Bible also says that Cain is "Master Mahan...Master of the Great Secret". (see Genesis 5:16 Inspired Version) These terms do not exist in the King James Version. However "The Great Secret in Masonry is the True name of God Remember this: the great secret is the true name of god! Read the following:

Albert Pike, the 33rd degree mason who wrote the Morals and Dogma of Freemasonry (the authoritative text for masons up to the 32nd degree) is quoted in the book, The GodMakers, p. 129-130, that the truth is to be concealed from the lower initiates...

...Truth is not for those who are unworthy.... (He and Masons of less than 30th degree) are intentionally misled by false interpretations. It is not intended that he shall understand them, but it is intended that he shall imagine he understands them...

"To you, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, we say this, that you may repeat it to the Brethren of the 32nd, 31st and 30th degrees – the Masonic Religion should be, by all of us initiates of the high degrees, maintained in the purity of the Luciferian Doctrine. Yes, Lucifer is God...Lucifer, God of light and God of God is struggling for humanity..."

Isn't this clear, brothers and sisters that the Masons' great secret is that Lucifer is the name of their god?! Isn't it also clear that satan doesn't want the Holy Priesthood to bear the name of The Holy Order of the Son of God, being Jesus Christ, but substitute it with the names of

men?!

Masonry became officially promoted when the Nauvoo Lodge was instituted in March 15, 1842. Joseph and Sidney were the first to be initiated in, and the next day they both advanced to the Master Mason Degree. Soon secret Temple rites, and related "revelations" came in (temple endowments & baptism for the dead) and the Masonic temple constructed.

When Joseph became too powerful, it now appears, he lost his life. The masonic distress call, "O Lord, My God, is there no help for the Widow's son," never was completed when Joseph rushed to the window at Carthage Jail. Had he completed it, fellow masons in the mob would have had to spare him. He only got as far as, "O Lord, My God,," and his life was cut off.

The history of Masonry, found in the Mid-Continent Library in independence shows one or the first lodges in Missouri was called the "Palmyra Lodge." Later history shows that after the Mormons arrived at Salt Lake, they immediately applied to the Masonic officials to establish three new lodges. Although Utah Mormons and Masonry have split since then over polygamy, Mormon religion still carries on with its own Masonic religion: oaths, temple rites, symbols, etc. RLDS and other Restoration factions are accepted into MASONRY directly.

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25. Dec. 1833 Joseph designated his father to be the first "Patriarch" in the church. (another new office not found in the Book of Mormon.) The High Priest gives patriarchal and other blessings.

26. Feb. 22, 1834 Joseph received a "revelation" to go up to Zion and "... ye shall avenge me of mine enemies..." (See RLDS D&C 100:5C). After arriving at a location near Independence and being stopped by rain, hail, and enemies for 3 days, Joseph received another "revelation": that the other church members, except the leaders, were in transgression (see RLDS D&G 102: 2-3), and that the elders needed to go back to Kirtland for awhile and wait for an endowment, and that they didn't have to avenge the Lord of His enemies (which contradicts the divine order given in 100: 5C), but that the Lord would fight the battles. So now, it appears, we have a God that changes his mind – a changeable god. Look, brothers and sisters about 200 men, women, and children made a 1,000 mile round-trip on two contradictory "revelations" - and about 14 DIED!

27. Feb. 14, 1835 Twelve "apostles" chosen, another new priesthood office in the last days!
(The June, 1829 revelation given through the stone said they would be "Disciples"!)

28. Shortly after the "Apostles" were chosen, 70 high priests were set aside to be "Seventies", another new priesthood office. At least 12 of these can be documented as already being high priests in the Far West Record – the official minutes of the early conferences & as far back as June 3, 1831 when Joseph and Sidney first brought in high priests. John Whitmer, who wrote the early history of the church, which is copied in the book entitled *An Early Latter Day Saint History: The Book of John Whitmer*, edited by Mckiernan and Launtus, states on p. 142, that 70 high priests were chosen. RLDS C.H. Vol. 2, p. 99 also shows that 5 of the 'First presidents were released when it was decided that high priests couldn't be seventies. It is impossible to believe that Joseph could have been so close to many of those men over the years, and participated in their ordinations, and not to have known that they were high priests.

Several obvious questions emerge: (1) were their callings to the office of high priest of God? (2) Were their callings to the office of seventy of God? (3) Was the decision that high priests couldn't be seventies of God? (4) is God changeable? (5) how much of this whole issue was from God?

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29. March 28, 1835 Joseph receives a "revelation" (RLDSD&C 104: 1-30) with the full blown concept of Two priesthoods - one named Melchisedec to avoid using Christ's name. Masonry also commands avoiding using the name of God, - the other named Aaronic, an inferior order supposedly left over after the superior order was taken from the earth (this concept was also put into the "Inspired" translation, see Exodus 34:1, but is not in the King James version.) This concept, which does fit with Masonic priesthood concepts, cannot account for the divine power of Joshua, Elijah, etc., etc.!! What power those little ol' Aaronic priests had.

30. Aug 17. 1835 A new book of revelations was approved, that had many revelations that were previously written as the word of God, but now having many parts changed, added to, or deleted.

Notice the pattern:

1. Through the stone, at the completion of the Book of Mormon Manuscript, the commandment from the unchangeable God was that the Book of Mormon was to be used for

ALL things pertaining to his church, his gospel, and his rock. And we were to rely on it. That was June, 1829.

2. Nov. 12-13, the leaders or the church made the decision that from then on the new "revelations" (Book of Commandments) was to be used for the foundation of the church and the keys to the mysteries.

3. Aug. 17, 1835 many of the new "revelations" were changed, added to, or deleted, and additional "Revelations" added. These were now the doctrines of the church of the "Unchangeable God" that had established His church with "the fullness of the Gospel" in 1829.

31. March 27, 1836 The dedication of the Kirtland Temple didn't accomplish anything. (see RLDS C.H. VOL. 2, pp. 33-45)

To Summarize:

Joseph, in his dedicatory prayer, prayed that the "ministers anointing...be sealed upon them with power from on high: let it be fulfilled upon them as upon those on the day of Pentecost; let the gift of tongues be poured out upon thy people, even cloven tongues as of fire, and the interpretation thereof. And let thy house be filled, as with a mighty rushing wind, with thy glory"

Yes, after many promises, and much labor and sacrifice over several years, and an hour dedicatory service, there was NO display of power. The people went home.

32. March 29, 1836 The first foot-washing ceremony was held in the Temple. (That doesn't exist in the Book of Mormon, either!)

33. 1837 A new Book of Mormon was published in Kirtland, with changes in the relationship or God and Christ: Several locations now have the words "the son of " inserted that detracts from its original clear and simple meaning,

The mess in Nauvoo has already been covered. While Brigham Young has been blamed for some strange and wicked doctrines, it is obvious that IF Joseph didn't promote them, he at least condoned them.

Can you now see, brothers and sisters, that it is not enough to go back to the church of 1980, or 1960, or 1900, or 1860, or to the church established according to the laws of the land April 6, 1830. There is only one answer: repent from all the vain traditions and hypocrisies formulated since that time. Turn to the Holy Book of Mormon, believe what it says and rely on the words of Christ. Then you will not have to defend nor fight against Joseph Smith or any of his offspring, or against open communion, nor against women's ordination, nor baptism by letter, nor against polygamy, nor against liberalism or fundamentalism. INDEED AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE, THE "FUNDAMENTALISTS" ARE AS FAR OFF BASE AS THE LIBERALS! If you claim to be a "Fundamentalist", and you disagree with this statement, then you need to review the test in PART II.

All of the controversial issues burdening the churches of the "Restoration" at the present time

are designed by satan to cause you to waste the days of your probation by arguing or worrying or trying to destroy each other rather than studying the Book of Mormon. -Dick Bauman